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1. [REDACTED] memorandum on classification raises a good point and I agree that a review of these matters is needed. One forum we might use is the Information Review Committee (IRC), or more precisely the newly-established IRC Working Group, which includes senior representatives of NFAC, DDA, DDO, DDS&T, PAO, OGC, and OLC. I have asked that this question be placed on the agenda for the first meeting of the new Working Group to be held early in May.

2. The new Executive order on national security information, replacing E.O. 11652, is in final draft stage and should be issued soon, with an effective date of 1 October. The order contains classification criteria and requires each Agency with classification authority to promulgate "guidelines for security classification that will facilitate the identification and uniform classification of information requiring protection." Whatever we do at this time to clarify our concepts on classification should be designed to help us meet our responsibilities under the new order.

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